GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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RAISING OF GROUND WATER LEVEL IN DROUGHT PRONE DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Board in association with his Ministry has decided to implement various schemes to raise the ground water level in drought prone districts of States, including Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the manner in which the said schemes are likely to be implemented along with funds allocated/released by the Union Government to State Governments during the last three years for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) under the Ministry of Water Resources, has proposed a scheme for "Artificial Recharge of Ground Water and Rainwater Harvesting" under State Sector for implementation during the remaining two years of the X Five Year Plan at an estimated cost of Rs. 175 crores. The proposed scheme will be implemented in identified areas of over-exploited and dark blocks, drought prone and water scarcity areas, coastal areas and islands affected by saline water ingress, area of inland salinity, urban areas showing steep decline in ground water level and sub-mountainous /hilly areas of various States. The scheme will be implemented through State Governments under the technical guidance of CGWB.